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Latest News

EPA Issues New Chemical SNURs, Opening Door To Landmark TSCA Suit

EPA has finalized significant new use rules (SNURs) on 13 new chemicals using an approach intended to speed up reviews but which environmentalists and others oppose, setting the stage for a likely first-time suit on how EPA addresses new chemicals and protects workers under the revised Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

NAS Backs Use Of Oil Dispersants But Seeks To Harmonize Test Methods

A National Academies of Sciences (NAS) panel is backing the use of chemical dispersants to address oil spills but is urging EPA and other agencies to harmonize their toxicity testing methods and take other steps to address them, advice that could help environmentalists who are pledging to sue to force the agency to update its rules on dispersants.

5th Circuit Raises Standing Bar For Groups' Suit On EPA Drilling Permit

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit grilled environmentalists at recent oral argument on whether they have standing to sue EPA over a Clean Water Act (CWA) general permit for offshore oil and gas activities in the western Gulf of Mexico, raising concerns about how the groups could trace harms to specific discharges.

States, Environmentalists Back 'Alternative Compliance' In Methane Rules

State environmental commissioners are joining environmentalists to urge EPA and state governments to bolster the use of "alternative compliance" provisions in their rules limiting methane releases from oil and gas operations, a step they argue could ease industry costs while still delivering equivalent emissions cuts.

Court Extends Limit On Obama-era Bid To Restrict Climate-Warming HFCs

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has overturned a second Obama-era rule requiring appliance and other manufacturers to replace climate-warming hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerants, agreeing with two of the chemical's producers that it should extend its prior precedent limiting such policies.

Daily Feed

First House climate panel hearing focuses on youth

"We all have a moral imperative. And you have a constitutional one," testified Aji Piper, who is one of 21 youth plaintiffs pursuing a high-profile climate trust lawsuit against the Trump administration.

Global study shows PM2.5 mortality risk

A report from a research group partially funded by EPA underscores the adverse health effects of fine particulate matter, but EPA advisers are divided on whether to tighten the agency's current standards.

Ewire: Colorado lawmakers OK sweeping oil and gas bill

In today's Ewire: The legislation, which heads to Gov. Jared Polis' (D) desk for his expected signature, would allow local governments to regulate drilling and make public health the states top priority instead of development.

Texas chemical incidents intensify calls for EPA protections

Three chemical release incidents at Houston-area facilities in the last three weeks are intensifying calls for EPA and other federal agencies to bolster protections for fence-line communities.

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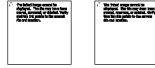
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